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**Installation of Computers for Dak Services in Bihar**

7178. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:
SHRI RAM BADAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of computers installed for registered dak service in Bihar and U.P. and the name of the towns thereof;

(b) the number of employees working for it before and after the installation of the computers separately;

(c) whether the Government expenditure on registered postal service has increased due to the computerisation;

(d) if so, the objectives of computerisation;

(e) whether the Government propose to install computer for the registered dak service in Disrict headquarters of the State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 12 PC based *multiprpose counter machines providing* registration, speed post and money order service have been installed in Lucknow in U.P. No such machines are installed in the State of Bihar.

(b) 17 employees were employed prior to installation of the machine and 12 employees are now working after installation.

(c) The expenditure on the registration service consists of many elements such as booking, sorting, transportation, delivery etc. The exact cost and benefit implecations can be studied only after the experiment stabilizes.

(d) Objective of the multi-purpose counter machine is to provide better customers satisfaction and increase in productivity.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) It is proposed to install justified numbers of such machines in important post offices of major cities and towns of the States in question.

**Telephone concnections in Districts of Haryana**

7179. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending for telephone connections in Sonepat and Rohtak in Haryana;

(b) the steops being taken to sped up the allotment of telehone connections;

(c) the details of telephone connections allotted out of turn in Sonepat during the last three years; and

(d) the details of temporary telephone connections sanctioned during the said period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of applications pending for telephone connections as on 29-2-1992 is as follows;

In sonepat 2208 and in Rohtak 1700

(b) A 4000 line automatic cross-bar exchange (ICP) is expected to be commis-

sioned at Sonepat during this year (1992-93) replacing 2200 lines existing exchange thereby providing net addition of 1800 lines. This addition in capacity is expected to provide about 1600 new connections. At Rohtak, a 4000 , lines E 10 B Exchange is expected to be commissioned in 1993-94.

(c) In Sonepat 69 connections were allotted out of turn during the last three years.

(d) In Sonepat 12 temporary connections were sanctioned during the last three years.

**Funds for Expansion of communications Facilities in Rural Areas**

7180. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by the Government for rural and backward areas of Uttar Pradesh for the expansion of communications facilities during 1991-92;

(b) the basis on which the para-meter has been fixed for identifications of rural and backward areas; and

(c) the targets achived so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The amount allocated for expansion of communications facilities in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh during the year 1991-92 is as under:

*(In crores of Rs.)*

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| Postal | 0.50 |
| Telecommunications | 552.25 |
| Total | 552.75 |

No separate allocation is made for backward areas.

(b) 1981 census report forms the basis for such identification.

| (c) | ITEM | Target (91-92) | Achievement |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Telephone connections in Gram Panchayats | 5000 | 1663 Upto 29-2-1992) |
| 2. | Opening of new Telephone Exchanges &Upgradation of Existing exchanges. | 151 | 119 (upto 29-2-1992) |
| 3. | Extra Departmentmental Branch Post Offices sanctioned | 500 | 489 |